(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to attain their common objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals

1180. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a new organisation called Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals or PHAR-MEXCIL to promote the Pharmaceutical Industry;

(b) whether Director General of Foreign Trade has issued a Public Notice dated May 12th, 2004 for creation of PHAR-MEXCIL;

(c) if so, whether organisation would be based in Hyderabad with a regional office in Mumbai;

(d) if so, whether Government assure of setting up the new organisation at Hyderabad in short period and if so, within how many months; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The office is being set up by the Industry and not by the Government.

Tea exports

1181. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to increase production and exports of tea;

(b) if so, the target set therefor during last three years and the achievement made in this regard; and